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Serial No. : 10/730,637  
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE IN  
NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE MAILED JULY 23, 2008**

Applicant gratefully acknowledge the allowance of all pending claims 1-9, 11, 13, 14, 15-34, 68, 69, 71, 75-80, 83, and 84. Reasons for Allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear [the Examiner's] reasons for allowing a claim or claims." 37 C.F.R. 1.104(e). In the present case, Applicant believes the record as a whole does make clear the reasons for allowance and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, while Applicant believes the claims are allowable, Applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides solely in the specific feature or combination of features identified, or that each feature or combination of features identified is required for patentability, or that equivalents of any of the recited features are outside the scope of the claims. Moreover, to the extent the Reasons for Allowance do not separately address the subject matter of each claim, Applicant does not acquiesce to any inference that any one claim does not present patentable subject matter independent of any other claim. Finally, Applicant does not concede that the scope of the term "clamp," as used in the claims, has the definition identified by the Examiner in the Reasons for Allowance. Rather, the term clamp, and all claim terms, should be construed according to prevailing principles of claim construction.

Applicants do not acquiesce to the characterizations of the art. For brevity and to advance prosecution, however, Applicants have not addressed all characterizations of the art, but reserve the right to do so in further prosecution of this or a subsequent application.

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